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INDIA-PAKISTAN: Talks Focus on Troop Drawdown

Indian and Pakistani negotiators extended their talks through ~~tomorrow~~ to try to settle disagreements on drawdowns of border troops. ~~According to the US Embassies in New Delhi and Islamabad,~~ Both sides are intent on reaching an agreement, and Pakistani President Zia reportedly told his delegates not to argue over details as long as they establish a "spirit of disengagement." ~~A Pakistani Foreign Ministry official told the US Embassy in Islamabad that~~ proposals from the two sides included common language on maintaining contacts between military and diplomatic officials, deactivating some airfields, and reducing Navies to a low state of readiness. The discussions stalled on Pakistan's insistence that Indian border exercises be included in any agreement on troop reduction; the Indians want to confine the withdrawal to troops deployed to the border over the past few weeks. (b)(1) (b)(3)

Comment: Significant measures to reverse the border buildup in Punjab are unlikely until spring, when India is scheduled to complete its Brass Tacks exercises. Both sides might agree, however, to a limited pullback of troops to create a buffer zone. It is more likely that the two sides will stand down from sending reinforcements to southern Kashmir, but farther north in Kashmir both sides will continue to occupy forward positions and routinely exchange cross-border fire. (b)(3)

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